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Criminal Justice Commission



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- On October 10th, Anne Milgram, Vice President of Criminal Justice, Laura and John Arnold Foundation, presented findings from a comprehensive analysis of local criminal justice system data to the Criminal Justice Commission Board and Jail Policy Committee. The research was conducted by the LJAF Research Team and based on data provided by Metro Corrections, Pretrial Services, the Commonwealth's Attorney, Louisville Metro Police Department, and the Administrative Office of the Courts. As part of the presentation, a number of recommendations and opportunities for system improvement were identified. The next phase of the Demo Project will focus on implementation of targeted initiatives along with research and testing.
- At the November 20th meeting of the Criminal Justice Commission Board, Steve Libby, Project Coordinator, Arnold Foundation, presented an update on the Demo Project and discussed the chart of opportunities and recommendations compiled by MCJC staff as a tool for tracking project activities. Several of the recommendations identified by the Research Team are currently in process and it is anticipated that work groups will be convened in January 2014 around some of the remaining items.
- On December 5th, Marie VanNostrand, Ph.D., presented an overview of the new pretrial risk assessment instrument (Public Safety Assessment—Court or PSA-CT) to local criminal justice stakeholders. The presentation included a discussion of the underlying research and explanation of how the tool predicts failure to appear, new criminal activity, and new violent criminal activity pending case disposition. Dr. VanNostrand also provided an update on the performance of the tool following its implementation in Louisville and across the state on July 1, 2013.

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- The Arnold Foundation Research Team will monitor the Phase II implementation process. Work groups will be convened in January 2014 around agreed upon items to identify required action steps and resources needed for implementation.



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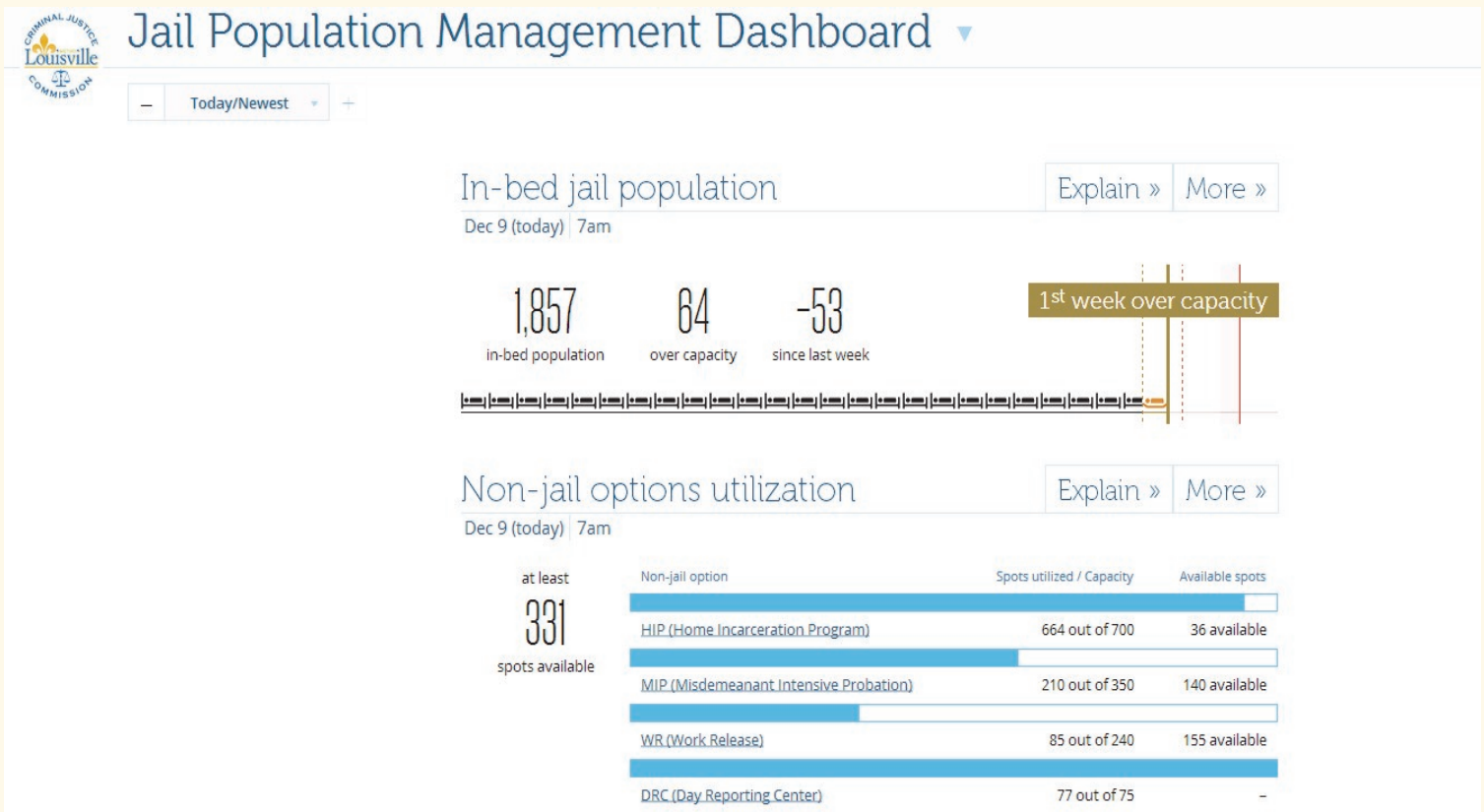
- Marcin Wichary, Code for America (CfA) Fellow and Beth Niblock, Chief Information Officer, presented the Jail Population Management Dashboard Project at the CfA Summit on October 15—17, 2013 in San Francisco. The Fellows returned to Louisville on October 28th for final presentations and to transition the dashboard to local community operation. During the week, a number of training sessions and workshops were offered for future dashboard users. The CfA Fellowship Project ended in mid-November.
- The Criminal Justice Commission and Louisville Metro Technology are currently working to provide system stakeholders access to the Jail Population Management Dashboard through a phased rollout process. Since the dashboard can only be run on a modern browser (Google Chrome 14+, Firefox 4+, Safari 5.1+, and Internet Explorer 10+), Metro Technology Services installed Google Chrome and provided a dashboard icon on desktops of Metro CityNet users. The Criminal Justice Commission is working with the Administrative Office of the Courts to facilitate a similar process for court users. Moving forward, the Criminal Justice Commission will be responsible for administrative functions and Metro Technology Services will provide ongoing technical support.
- To facilitate the transition from the weekly jail population e-mails sent by Metro Corrections to the dashboard, several tools are being developed for users including a video tutorial, user manual, and reference card. The tools will be made available to users as they become available to help them better understand the capabilities of the dashboard. The dashboard will be a very useful jail population management tool that can provide immediate data updates as well as historical jail population data and be used to support planning, evaluation and policy development. Additionally, the dashboard was constructed to allow for future expansion to include data from other criminal justice system agencies and departments and to link to agency websites and similar dashboards.
- The CfA Fellows - Marcin Wichary, Shaunak Kashyap, and Laura Meixell – are to be commended for their creativity, technical expertise and commitment to understanding the needs of system stakeholders in developing such a robust tool that will be used by a multitude of stakeholders for many years to come and serve as a model for other jurisdictions to follow. Louisville Metro participation in the CfA Fellowship Program was made possible through support from the Laura and John Arnold Foundation, the Louisville Bar Foundation and the Louisville Metro Department of Corrections.



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The Criminal Justice Commission and Metro Technology Services will continue to facilitate the transition of users to the Jail Population Management Dashboard. Future updates will include a report on the status of the phased rollout process.

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